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→ Ch. CIA files on [REDACTED]

CIA ^{first} Base officer allegedly compromised
by the Cuban girl - [REDACTED] (in 1967 16 report
on [REDACTED])

State threat - not in Security report which Kappa
requested in 1967 when Kappa requested the
Espinoza file, as result of Garrison investigation.

June 6 - [REDACTED] to Spain.

1961 - [REDACTED] - (1967 IS Report) first recruited
AMLASH in Mexico City.

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FBI, New Daily, says the FBI informant misled
them of AMLASH plot was not
[REDACTED] Bureau refuse to say what
their source was. CIA says the
informant was [REDACTED].

Espinoza tied into dynamite via STAR 1965
New Orleans / Miami.

on 6, 1965
first date
AMLASH compromised
by [REDACTED] CIA

Questions to be answered from reading 1967 IS Report -

- 1) Who is QJWIN? What are names of other principal agents and sub-agents required for ZR High activities?

- J. E. Davis "Henry Gunz" involved in ^{Technical aspects of} Operational planning. (Sketch to target, repairs w/ (chat material))

- Mike Esclanti was head of Cuba task force in pre-Berly Rigo days.

Cornelius Lawrence - Chief, TSD, during early plots.

Guerrillas mixed glandular sleeping because use of weapons rendered escape and survival negligible.

The disaffected Cuban official, Trappanelli, for a w/ cover, Juan Ota, who had access to Castro.

as Special Asst. to DDP
No Gattiliet involved ~~in~~ during relevant time frame.

Ota lost position in Cuban govt. on 26 Jan 1961 & took refuge in Venezuelan embassy on April 11, 1961 and became the responsibility of the Mexican Embassy when Veng. broke relations w/ Cuba in Nov. 1961. Castro refused a safe conduct pass until Oct. 1964 when allowed him to go to Mexico City. Ota arrived in Miami in Feb. 1965 (Cond. pass from James H. Carr felt killed first gangster attempt)

Ota suggested a successor - who made several unsuccessful attempts.

- 2) Who was successor?

Griffin - supported Tony Varona (high in exile movement) head of Democratic Revolutionary Front group, supported by CIA as part of larger Cuban op.
Varona not satisfied w/ degree of CIA assistance.

2. Dec 63 - FBI gave CIA a memo on rocketing efforts to finance anti-Castro activities.

18 Jan 64 - Varona associated w/ slave schemes. Varona
Edw. Moss, D.C. public relations man, a friend
various and public relations advisor. Moss's mission
Julia Cellini, whose husband owned 2 large hotels in
jumping casino. Moss had been given Govt Security Clearance by CIA

3. Where are the orig. FBI report?

4. Edward R. Moss file

Estimate supposedly took "ineffective steps" to thwart Varona's invol. in mobster plans as he was one of five key figures in the Revolutionary Front & heavily involved in the approaching Bay P plan.

3. Who were other 4 leaders? What slip, take take? Why ineffective?

Pill delivery
Roselli → O'Connell → Varona → ?

6. Who is Varona's son-in-law - closely involved w/ him during relevant time frame?
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2R Rifle was covered as an FI/D operation (ostensibly to develop capability for anti-Castro operations)
[redacted]
[redacted]

7) Names of those in FI/D involved w/ 2R Rifle

Given terminated by [redacted] Apr. 1964

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Gunn delivered prison pills to Harvey

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Harvey says Roselli in touch w/ Varona when Harvey arrived in Fla. O'Connor does not remember when Varona was re-activated for phase 2 efforts.

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Giancana and Trappicani apparently not involved in phase 2. Roselli dealing w/ a Cuban who spoke Italian named MACEO who used his name Garcia-Gonzalez + Godoy/Varona + Varona's son-in-law.

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Shackley was never told who pills deliv. to or why. Only had surveillance in support of a HQ op.

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Harvey and Shackley deliv. arms + equip. to Roselli for Varona.

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Jan 63 - Roselli agreed w/ Harvey that not much ^{was going to} ~~happen~~ happen

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Feb 63 - Harvey left word for MACEO that it looked like the effort was over. Roselli met w/ Harvey in LA and agreed to close ops off "but that it would be unwise to attempt to precipitate a break between Roselli + Varona" with Roselli agreeing to reduce frequency of contact until there was none.

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June 63 - Roselli visited Harvey in DC + went out to dinner - while dining Papich called Harvey + asked if he knew who his dinner guest was. Roselli under intensive surveillance. Papich said have to tell Hoover

Edwards

plus Why did Agency tell RFK that ops ceased w/ no one when in fact they still underway w/ no one at that time

70 FBI interviewed Ed Morgan

72 Mahen met at least once with Sen. Phil Nixon in effort to aid Marchos vis-a-vis Onassis.

73 Mahen tried sometime to get. survive on Onassis

73 Sen. Carl W. Mahen's counsel, Ed Morgan, persuaded Sen. Long not to call him

73 Sam Halpern was in on the contaminated diving suit scheme after Dr. Fitzgerald took over Cuban Task Force from Harvey in Jan. 63. 50th of casualties involved.

73 A no CI file reviewed by 16 in preparing report.

78 March 61 ~~Jack Starns~~ met w/ ~~Cubela~~ ^{Mexico City} ~~Starns~~ assigned to Mex. City knew Cubela commonly from Havana days. ~~Starns~~ (Amurhip-1), long time friend Cubela, arranged meeting to sound Cubela out on his views on Cuban situation. The meeting though inconclusive led to ~~Amurhip~~.

80 March 61 - ~~Mexico~~ ~~advised~~ reported that Cubela and Juan Ortiz (gangster's man in Cuba) wanted to defect. CIA found 3 name links betw. Cubela and persons involved in gambling syndicate episodes - All Rebutals

81 Aug 61 Cubela sent message to ~~Starns~~ that Cubela wanted to talk with friend of ~~Starns~~ in Paris of possible. Sent thru Cubela's girl friend - airline hostess. Paris given OK to approach - no indic he was ever contacted.

82 June 62 ~~Starns~~ told FBI of Cubela's desire to defect. ~~Starns~~ would refer Cubela to CIA in Paris if he contacted Bureau's legit attache.

contacted FBI because he upset w/ way CIA handled
Cubela "defection" attempt in Paris in 1961.

Aug 62 [redacted] from HQ met w/ [redacted] & went to Helsinki for series of
meetings w/ Cubela where defection plan turned to recruiting Cubela
to join.

Aug 62 - Cubela met w/ Spanish speaking cons officer in Paris later in Aug.
after meeting in Stockholm on Aug 4-9. In Paris it was learned that Cubela
had been in meeting in Helsinki.

10-23 Aug 62 [redacted] Spanish speaking cons officer
from Madrid met in Paris w/ Cubela [redacted] on 18 Aug.
HQ strongly agreed Cubela not to be given physical elements
mission.

Sept 62 [redacted] from HQ [redacted] Cubela in Brazil
to become Cubela's cons officer.

16 Sept 62 Cubela (Paris) writes [redacted] don't intend to see [redacted] again ^{even if he}

2 Oct 62 [redacted] arrives in Paris anyway. Learned that French
keeping Cubela under surveillance.

11 Oct 62 [redacted] calls Cubela insisting on meeting before his departure,
pref. REF, for assurances.

29 Oct 62 Des using James Clark alias [redacted] Cubela Paris at
home of [redacted] [redacted] interp. File said U.S. wanted
no part in attempt on Castro's life.

14 Nov 62 [redacted] meet [redacted] 29 - Says Cubela pleased w/
Des mailing from policy standpoint but [redacted] happens or not
being given tech. assistance.

19 Nov 62 Des approved telling Cubela he would be furnished back mission
Cuba.

pg 1.92 Dec 62 record in AMEMB
file ~~not~~ not GOP here

20 Nov. 1965 ~~1965~~ ¹⁹⁶⁶ asked to rep. Division for 1st. 1st. 1st.
 1966

File called [REDACTED] after JFK was, securing everything up.
The cable not in file.

W/ks * On 7 Oct 64 an Artume assoc. went
to France to serve as intermediary
w/ diss. ^{dr} group.

→ also bei Antoni metz Gabeln in Madrid

March 65 - Madrid cable that lawyer [redacted] arrived in Madrid w/ news that he was in contact w/ Curbelay, being a close friend. [redacted] was jailed in 1942 for the pending Santos Trafficante.

^{June}
May 65. Espinosa reported ^{see 11} knowledge of Cubela plan -
and of CIA complicity.

107a ^{June 5-65} No sent cable to all stations advising termination
of contact with Cubela group

107b - ^{March 65} Cubela arrested for counterintelligence activity.
Discovered by CIA. Cubela trial brought out
contact with ~~James Hooper~~ ~~James Hooper~~

p115 - July/Aug. 1964 - CIA memo refers to
a gangland effort to pay
150,000 to kill Castro +
refers to FBI interview of parties.

p120 - O'Connell met with Mahan post Drew P. article.
He reported:

Rosselli started to Morgan (separately
from Mahan) by Greenspan.

Jim Garrison, Morgan & Rosselli
& perhaps Greenspan's associate
w/ lack other in Las Vegas in March.

p121 Ref to a Puerto Rican in Philippine custody,
who says he participated in Castro
inspired assass plot in Dallas. Bureau
expected to bring him dry

128 Varona became very embittered by
Bay P failure. Among most critical. Agency failure
to support his exile group led to loss of income

part time auto salesman.

130 "Mable has good reason for not wanting
the story aired further. Unfavorable
publicity might cause her to lose her
lucrative clt., Howard Hughes."

7 Mar 66 - Cable to Ruth - Lies about ass. invol.